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Protests Mark Baghdad's Fall

'GET OUT': Demonstrators march between the Shiite holy cities of Kufa and Najaf, Iraq, on Monday

— the fourth anniversary of the fall of Baghdad to U.S. forces. Tens of thousands took part in the

rally — ordered by anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr — to demand that American troops leave

Iraq. Many chanted: "Get out, get out occupier." + Tight security: Iraq clears off streets | Page 7



Imus Off Air Over **Comment**

CBS, MSNBC pull show for 2 weeks over racial remarks

NEW YORK | CBS Radio and MSNBC both said they were suspending Don Imus' morning talk show for two weeks following his reference last week to members of the Rutgers women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos."

While CBS made its announcement without comment, MSNBC said Imus' regret at making the inappropriate comment and his

stated dedication to changing the show's discourse made it believe this was the appropriate response. "Our future relationship with Imus is contingent on his ability to live up to his word," the network said. MSNBC simulcasts



Imus

his radio program weekday mornings.

Imus, who has made a career of cranky insults in the morning, was fighting for his job following the joke that by his own admission went "way too far." He continued to apologize Monday, both on his show and on a syndicated radio program hosted by the Rev. Al Sharpton, who is among several black leaders demanding his ouster.

Imus was mostly contrite with Sharpton, although the activist did not change his opinion that Imus should lose his job. At one point Imus seemed incredulous at Sharpton's suggestion that he might walk away from the incident unscathed.

"Unscathed?" Imus said. "How do you think I'm unscathed by this? Don't you think I'm humiliated?" DAVID BAUDER (AP)

ment, delving into parenting, careers and other topics. The prior longest-speech record: A mere 98 hours and 30 minutes. Ravirala already holds a Guinness world record, for memorizing 200 random objects. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2



This Item Brought to You by the Year 1856

A runaway horse pulled a carriage with two out-of-town tourists on a wild ride through downtown Indianapolis, until a teenager rode to the rescue in a pursuing taxi, leaped out and grabbed the horse's reins. The driver of the Yellow Rose Carriage was thrown from her seat when a van crashed into the buggy Sunday afternoon. "The carriage driver lady just flew off the carriage," said William Basler, 19. Basler ran after the carriage to try to stop it. A taxi driver saw what was happening,

slowed and told Basler to jump in. The cab chased and passed the carriage, and Basler jumped out and grabbed the reins. "It was iust instinct." he said. (AP)

It Is Now Safe **To Run Screaming About the Cabin**

A fugitive mouse delayed the departure of a Japan-bound airliner in Hanoi, Vietnam, for more than four hours Sunday as workers hunted down the potential threat. A passenger spotted the rodent running on the floor of the plane, prompting a hunt by technicians worried that it could chew through a vital wire. Authorities suspect that a passenger brought the mouse on board in hand luggage. (AP)





THOROUGH

An A+++ for Effort

Public-school students in Bay City, Mich., got an extra day of spring break on Monday after vandals deflated the tires on all 88 of the district's school buses. The vandals hit sometime over the weekend, district transportation director Michael Gwizdala said. He said there was no evidence of damage to the fence around the bus vard, and the vandals left behind nothing obvious but the flat tires, "They opened the valves and took the core out," Gwizdala said. "There were no punctures or anything." (AP)



Postage on this shipment will exceed the GNP of most small island nations.

Take My Life, Please

Lisa Perry wants a fresh start. So she has decided to sell nearly all of her belongings in one eBay auction. The 45-year-old Perry, of St. Paul, Minn., said the top bidder will get more than 300 items — including snowshoes, a futon, a bed, a Village People album, seashells and more. "This might be mid-life, but it's not a crisis. It's midlife excitement "she said "I don't need it all. I don't use it all. I just have it all. Actually, it has me." (AP)







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NO DEBATE: Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton will not participate in a Democratic debate co-hosted by Fox News Channel this fall, campaign aides indicated Monday. Former Sen. John Edwards has also declined to appear.

Nation

In Brief



U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson says the Florida National Guard is stretched thin.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Senator Says Resources for Hurricane Season Lacking

The war in Iraq has depleted the equipment inventory of the National Guard, potentially hampering its response to the predicted heavy hurricane season, a U.S. senator said on Monday. "Problems from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have stretched the Florida National Guard further than ever before, leaving it without all the resources it should have for responding to a domestic crisis," said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla. (AP)

BOSTON

Student Admits Stabbing Teacher Over Failing Grade

A college student accused of stabbing a science professor in the neck because she gave him a failing grade plans to plead guilty to the attack, his lawyer said Monday. Nikhil Dhar, 24, feared he would be deported to his native India because he was flunking school, his lawyer said. Mary Elizabeth Hooker was hospitalized for several days after the attack on Dec. 22, 2005. (AP)

Bush Touts Guest Worker Proposal

President revives push for immigration bill during visit to Arizona

YUMA, ARIZONA | President George W. Bush boasted of tougher enforcement along the Mexican border Monday as he tried to revive his stalled efforts to overhaul U.S. immigration laws.

Frustrated by his failure to get a bill approved last year when the Republicans were in charge, Bush said prospects look brighter in the Democratic Congress. "I think the atmosphere up there is good right now," he said.

His message — particularly to conservative critics from his own party — was that stepped-up border enforcement is working and it is time to adopt a temporary worker program, hold U.S. employers accountable for the workers they



President Bush, accompanied by Marines and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents, speaks on immigration Monday at a border patrol station in Yuma, Arizona.

hire and resolve the status of the millions of illegal immigrants already in the United States.

He saluted the opening of a new

border patrol station in this southwest corner of Arizona and said, "This border is more secure, and America is safer as a result." The president was joined by Sen. Jon Kyl, the Arizona Republican whose support is crucial to any deal in the Congress. Another lawmaker vital to Bush's effort, Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, issued a statement that said: "President Bush did the right thing today by speaking out."

Administration officials, led by Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez, have been meeting privately for weeks with Republican senators in search of compromise. That expanded to a meeting in late March with key senators from both parties. The administration floated a proposal that would make it harder for millions of illegal immigrants to gain citizenship than under legislation passed by the Senate last year.

McCain: Iraq Protection Not Needed

Senator says he only took soldiers on tour at general's request

Sen. John McCain said Monday he would have taken his tour of an Iraqi market last week even if he hadn't been accompanied by heavily armed U.S. soldiers.

The Republican presidential hopeful said he would have walked



Sen. John McCain tours a market in central Baghdad on April 1.

through the Bab al-Sharqi market in Baghdad without the military protection, but the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, had recommended the armed escort.

"I'm not notorious for being nervous about going anywhere," said McCain, R-Ariz. "I'll gladly go almost anywhere in the world, under any circumstances, but I did respond and do what General Petraeus asked me to do." McCain and other members of a congressional delegation toured the market last week, traveling in armored military vehicles and wearing body armor during their hourlong excursion.

The congressional delegation said the trips were proof that security was improving in the capital.

"That place is being rebuilt today and is a functioning market," McCain said. "Of course it isn't entirely safe, but it certainly is a functioning market and progress is being made there." (AP)



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Manatees Given Positive Outlook

MIAMI | The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Monday recommended upgrading the manatee's status from endangered to threatened, a move that indicates the animal has rebounded from near extinction. The manatee remains protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

"Based on the science it is clear that manatees are no longer facing extinction in all or a significant portion of its range," said Dave Hankla, field supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service's Jacksonville office. (AP)

Fired Worker Suspected in Shooting

Man apprehended after allegedly killing 1, injuring 2 at office

TROY, MICH. | A man suspected of shooting three people, killing one, at an accounting firm where he was fired last week was arrested after a high-speed chase a few hours after the Monday morning attack, authorities said.

Police said they had located Anthony LaCalamita, 38, on Interstate 75, north of the suburban Detroit office building where the shootings took place.

Sheriff's deputies and state police chased him for 30 miles, including through a construction zone, at speeds up to 120 mph before he finally pulled over after about 15 minutes, Genesee County Sheriff Robert J. Pickell said.

"He probably realized if he didn't, he was going to be shot," Undersheriff James Gage said.

LaCalamita said nothing after



Anthony LaCalamita is arrested following a high-speed chase on Interstate 75 near Detroit, Mich., on Monday. LaCalamita is suspected of shooting 3 people.

officers surrounded him, Pickell said, describing the suspect as "subdued. Very, very, very subdued."

Officers found a 12-gauge pumpaction shotgun and three live shells

in the vehicle, Pickell said. Witnesses said the shooter used a shotgun or a rifle, Troy police Lt. Gerry Scherlinck said.

Some witnesses told police that



Two people hug outside the office building where the shooting took place.

when the shooter walked into the office on the building's second floor around 10 a.m. Monday, he looked as if he was trying to hide something, Troy Police Chief Charles Craft said.

The families of the two wounded men requested "total privacy," and the hospital would not release any details about their conditions, Beaumont Hospital spokeswoman Ilene Wolfe said. She said the third victim died on the way to the hospital. David aguilar (AP)



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Nation



PENNY PINCH: McDonald's Corp. agreed Monday to pay a penny more per pound for its Florida-grown tomatoes to help boost wages for the migrant workers who harvest them, following a two-year campaign by an advocacy group that called for the increase.

Guard Could Head to Iraq

13,000 troops notified of possible deployment as replacement forces

WASHINGTON | Some 13,000 National Guard troops are receiving notice to prepare for possible deployment to Iraq in what would be a second tour for several thousand of them.

The orders had been anticipated, but the specific units were not announced until Monday. They are the Army National Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, from Arkansas; the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oklahoma; the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Indiana; and the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Ohio.

The units would serve as replacement forces in the regular troop rotation for the war and would not be connected to the recent military buildup for security operations in Baghdad, the Defense Department said.

The final determination whether



Arkansas National Guard Maj. Gen. Bill Wofford announces the Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade may be included in a deployment to Iraq sometime after Oct. 1.

the units will deploy will be made considering conditions on the ground in Iraq, officials said.

Smaller units and individual troops from the Guard already have returned to Iraq, and some active duty units have served multiple tours. The Army said some of the troops being alerted now have not yet served in Iraq, but some have served in the campaign in Afghanistan or elsewhere. PAULINE JELINEK (AP)

Early Primary Made Official in N.Y.

ALBANY, N.Y. | Gov. Eliot Spitzer signed legislation Monday moving New York's presidential primary to Feb. 5, further setting the stage for a mid-winter political showdown that could leave Americans with the longest general election campaign ever.

Nearly a dozen other states, including California and New Jersey, have already moved their primaries or caucuses to Feb. 5. A dozen more are considering such moves, setting the stage for what is quickly becoming known as "Super-Duper Tuesday."

"Moving the primary date to



Gov. Eliot Spitzer signed legislation to move New York's presidential primary.

February, we will help secure New York's large and diverse population an influential voice in selecting the 2008 presidential nominees," Spitzer said. (AP)

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IN TUNE: Using jumper cables and a 12-volt battery, plus financial and technical help from the U.S., a group of Sunnis and Shiites are broadcasting news, public affairs and other stories with one voice in Iraq. A makeshift radio and TV station went on the air last month in Baqouba.

World

Sudan: 17 Troops Die Amid Raid

Khartoum says it had to repel Chadian army attack on border town

KHARTOUM, SUDAN | The Sudanese military said Monday that seventeen of its soldiers were killed repelling a Chadian army raid on a Sudanese border town in West Darfur.

Sudanese army spokesman Osman Mohamed al-Aghbash said in a statement issued by the military that a company of the Chadian army, consisting of 140 trucks and seven armored vehicles, crossed into Sudan and attacked For Baranga, a small town near the Chad border.

He said the Sudanese army and police pushed the attackers back across the border, but seventeen soldiers were killed and 40 wounded in the process.

The statement also said the raid "caused big losses among civilians" that were still being calculated.

Sudan and Chad often trade accusations of harboring each other's rebels, and important components of the Chadian rebellion are suspected of being hosted by the Sudanese government near For Baranga. Chad has invoked a "right of pursuit" in the past to cross into Sudan to chase rebels that had allegedly attacked its military. (AP)



SHOW OF FORCE: Iraqis march through the Shiite holy city of Najaf on Monday to demand that U.S. forces leave their country.

Rally Marks Baghdad's Fall

Shiites heed al-Sadr's call to protest against U.S. presence in Iraq

BAGHDAD | Tens of thousands of Shiites — a sea of women in black abayas and men waving Iraqi flags — rallied Monday to demand that U.S. forces leave their country. Some ripped apart American flags and tromped across a Stars and Stripes rug.

The protesters marched about three miles between the holy cities of Kufa and Najaf to mark the fourth anniversary of the fall of Baghdad. In the capital, streets were silent under a hastily imposed driving ban.

Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered up the march as a show of strength not only to Washington but to Iraq's establishment Shiite ayatollahs as well.

Al-Sadr, who disappointed followers hoping he might appear after

months in seclusion, has pounded his anti-American theme in a series of written statements. The most recent came on Sunday, when he called on his Mahdi Army militia to redouble efforts to expel American forces and for the police and army to join the struggle against "your archenemy."

Fearing suicide attacks, car bombings or other mayhem in the capital, Iraq's generals ordered all vehicles off the streets for 24 hours



In April 2003, a statue of Saddam Hussein was pulled down as Baghdad fell.

starting at 5 a.m. Monday, normally a work day.

Police and morgue officials reported finding just seven bodies dumped in the capital, only the second time the number of sectarian assassination and torture victims had dipped that low in the course of the Baghdad security operation. A total of 25 people were killed or found dead in the country Monday, according to police and morgue reports.

A double line of police cordoned the marchers' route from Kufa to Najaf, sister cities on the west bank of the Euphrates River. The holy places, 100 miles south of Baghdad, are a prime destination for Shiite pilgrims.

Among the snapping flags and giant banners, leaflets fluttered to earth, exhorting the marchers in chants of "Yes, Yes to Iraq" and "Yes, Yes to Muqtada. Occupiers should leave Iraq." LAUREN FRAYER (AP)

Four years later: View a photo gallery of protests marking Baghdad's fall | washingtonpost.com/cameraworks

U.K. Reverses on Allowing Sailors to Sell Stories

Under fresh criticism, Britain bans all forces from taking media fees

LONDON | Britain's government beat a hasty retreat Monday under withering criticism for allowing sailors and marines to be paid large sums for their stories about captivity in Iran.

Officials banned further paid interviews as critics complained that the fees, reportedly as high as six figures, were unseemly and a slap at families of military personnel killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The appearance of the first paid interviews also brought new criticism that the 15 crew members yielded too easily to Iranian pressure to make confessions and apologies. Some worried the crew's actions revealed a loss of Britain's famed "stiff upper lip" in tough times.

"The sailors and marines held in Iran have been so compliant and have already said so much that they have caused excruciating embarrassment to many people in this country," a retired colonel,



The 15 British crew members recently held captive by Iran have been the focus of an intense media spotlight.

Bob Stewart, wrote in The Times newspaper.

Defense Secretary Des Browne said that pending completion of a review of the rules governing paid interviews, all service personnel were now barred from accepting fees for talking about their military experiences.

The announcement does not affect any of the freed crew members who already accepted fees for talking to journalists, but bars them and all other service members from making new deals with media outlets, the Defense Ministry said. (AP)

Robot Deployed For Sunken Ship

ATHENS, GREECE | Greek rescuers will deploy a robot submarine to search for the bodies of two French tourists believed to have drowned when a cruise ship sank off a resort island in the Aegean Sea last week, authorities said Monday.

The ship's captain has blamed Thursday's accident on sea currents that swept the Sea Diamond onto a charted reef off the island of Santorini, tearing a hole in the ship's hull. Nearly 1,600 people — mostly American tourists — were rescued before the vessel sank. (AP)

World



SITE UNSEEN: The Thai government continued its Internet crackdown by ordering one of the country's most popular chat sites to shut its political forum because of postings deemed insulting to the revered monarch. Officials said Monday that the political chat room of the Web site pantip.com was closed Sunday.

Iran Claims Enrichment Expansion

Ahmadinejad says Tehran has joined the 'nuclear club of nations'

NATANZ, IRAN | Iran announced a dramatic expansion of uranium enrichment on Monday, saying it has begun operating 3,000 centrifuges — nearly 10 times the previously known number — in defiance of U.N. demands it halt the program or face increased sanctions.

U.S. experts say 3,000 centrifuges are in theory enough to produce a nuclear weapon, perhaps as soon as within a year. But they doubted

Iran really had so many up and running, a difficult technical feat given the country's spotty success with a much smaller number.

Instead, the announcement may aim to increase support at home for hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and to boost Iran's hand with the West by presenting its program as established, said Michael Levi, a nonproliferation expert at the Washington-based Council on Foreign Relations.

Iran is known to have had 328 centrifuges operating at its Natanz enrichment facility in central Iran. For months, it has been saying it



Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadineiad praised his country's nuclear progress.

plans to launch an expanded program of 3,000 device.

"I declare that as of today our dear country has joined the nuclear club of nations and can produce nuclear fuel on an industrial scale," Ahmadinejad said at a ceremony at Natanz marking the one-year anniversary of the first successful enrichment of uranium there.

The move was a strong show of defiance to the United Nations, which imposed limited sanctions in December and strengthened them slightly last month because of Iran's refusal to suspend enrichment. ALI AKBAR DAREINI (AP)

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK

Barghouti Among Prisoners Sought in Swap for Soldier

Uprising leader Marwan Barghouti, the most senior Palestinian held by Israel, is among the hundreds of inmates the captors of an Israeli soldier want freed in a swap, the Palestinian information minister said Monday. Barghouti is seen as a potential successor to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and is serving five consecutive life terms. Barghouti's release would require a pardon by Israel's president since he was tried in a civilian court. (AP)



Relief supplies are delivered to the island of Gizo in the Solomon Islands.

GIZO, SOLOMON ISLANDS **Shops Reopen as Tsunami Aid Reaches Outer Villages**

Shops along the Solomon Islands' battered coastline reopened Monday as aid began trickling to the region's outer atolls, a week after an offshore earthquake sent walls of water slamming into the coast. Vendors selling fruit and vegetables returned to their stalls along the main street of Gizo island for the first time since the magnitude-8.1 quake hit on April 2, killing at least 35 people and leaving 7,000 homeless. (AP)

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA **25 Opposition Supporters Acquitted in Ongoing Trial**

An Ethiopian judge on Monday acquitted 25 opposition supporters and journalists who faced charges of attempted genocide and treason stemming from violence that erupted during protests over disputed 2005 elections. Judge Adil Ahmed said the prosecution had failed to prove the charges, part of an ongoing trial of 131 opposition leaders, aid workers and union members. (AP)

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VIRTUAL VIRGINIA: Gov. Timothy M. Kaine on Monday unveiled an outdoor interactive kiosk at First Landing State Park in Virginia Beach. The kiosks will be installed in 31 of 34 state parks by mid-May, and eventually in all state parks.

Local

In Brief

MARTINSVILLE, VA.

Man Rescues Mother and Tuxedo From Burning House

As his bride-to-be's house went up in flames hours before their wedding, Rocky Nelson got his priorities in order. He helped his mother escape from the house, grabbed his tux, and unhooked the home's propane tanks, throwing them into the woods and away from the flames. Fortunately, she had left her wedding gown at the church. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.

Kaine Tells State Agencies To Cut Down Energy Costs

Virginia's state agencies were directed to cut their energy costs by at least 20 percent in the next three years under an executive order issued Monday by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine. State agencies were directed to use green practices for new construction and building renovations, and lease office space that is energy-efficient, convenient to public transportation and accessible by bicycles and pedestrians and minimize travel. (AP)

The Lotteries

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City Fights Ruling Against Gun Ban

Officials ask federal court to reconsider striking firearm laws

WASHINGTON | District of Columbia officials asked a federal appeals court Monday to reconsider its ruling striking down the city's handgun ban, warning that the decision creates a precedent that could severely limit any kind of gun control.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled in a 2-1 decision last month that some of the District's gun control provisions are unconstitutional.

The court rejected the city's argument that the Second Amendment right to bear arms applies only to state militias.

The court said the city cannot prevent residents from keeping handguns in their homes.

The March 9 decision marked the first time a federal appeals court struck down gun control regulations on Second Amendment grounds.

Opponents of the handgun ban say it prevents people from

More guns very simply lead to

more violence."

D.C. MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY

taking measures to protect themselves and their families. They say the high crime rates in the three decades that the laws have been on the books prove the restrictions are ineffective. But D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty said losing the restrictions would be a blow to crime-fighting efforts. D.C. logged 169 homicides last year, down from 196 in 2005.

In their petition for a new hearing, lawyers for the district argued that the decision contradicts previous Supereme Court rulings and the decisions of other federal appeals courts

The D.C. gun laws remain in effect for now. If the petition is rejected, the city will consider whether to appeal to the Supreme Court. SARAH KARUSH (AP)

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AN AMERICAN TRADITION: Zaria M. Arrington, 7, of Herndon, Va., does her fiercest feline impression after having her face painted at The National Zoo Monday. African-American Family Day is celebrated on Easter Monday every year.

Holiday Project: National Museum of African American History and Culture catalogs memories. | Today's Metro

Midshipman Found Guilty of Assault

WASHINGTON | A Naval Academy midshipman was found guilty Monday of sexually assaulting a fellow student at a Washington hotel last year, a verdict that could lead to prison time and his dismissal from the Annapolis military school.

A jury of seven Navy and Marine Corps officers convicted Kenny Ray Morrison of forcing himself on a female midshipman in February 2006 after a night of drinking at a nearby nightclub.

He was also found guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman for his actions during the incident.

However, the jury cleared him of charges that he also had sex with another midshipman against her will in April 2006. Morrison, 24, quivered slightly as the verdict was read while he stood at attention behind the defense table.

He faces a possible 10-year prison sentence, dismissal from the academy and forefeiture of pay.

A former backup linebacker on the Navy football team, Morrison is the second Navy football player to be court-martialed in the past year on sexual assault charges. (AP)

Assembly Approves Md. Budget

State expected to face \$5B structural deficit over the next four years

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Warned of fiscal challenges on the horizon, law-makers voted Monday to approve a \$30 billion state budget, giving Gov. Martin O'Malley most of what he wanted to fulfill campaign promises and putting off tough financial decisions until next year.

Delegate Norman Conway, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, told lawmakers that "the hardest work remains ahead of us" and "time is a luxury that we will not have next year."

Maryland is expected to face an estimated \$1.5 billion structural deficit next year, meaning that state spending is projected to be more than tax receipts if current trends continue. The deficit is estimated to be about \$5 billion over four years.

The budget included about \$967 million from the rainy day fund, leaving about \$674 million in the fund.

The state wants to keep more than 5 percent of revenues in the fund to protect Maryland's AAA bond rating. (AP)



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Money

U.S. Files China Complaints

Trade cases challenge Beijing's handling of pirated movies, music

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration announced Monday it is filing two new trade cases against China over copyright piracy and restrictions on the sale of American movies, music and books there.

The action, announced by U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab, represented the latest move by the administration to respond to growing political pressure at home to do something about soaring U.S. trade deficits.

Schwab said the U.S. was filing with the World Trade Organization a case that will challenge Beijing's lax enforcement of violations of copyrights and trademarks on a



Trade representative Susan Schwab holds a pirated DVD of a recent movie.

wide range of products. American companies contend they are losing billions of dollars in sales because of rampant copyright piracy.

The second case will challenge China's barriers to the sale of U.S.-produced movies, music and books.

"Piracy and counterfeiting levels in China remain unacceptably high," Schwab said in announcing the new cases. "Inadequate protection of intellectual property rights in China costs U.S. firms and workers billions of dollars each year."

The U.S. trade deficit set a record for a fifth consecutive year in 2006 — at \$765.3 billion — with the imbalance with China climbing to \$232.5 billion, the highest ever recorded with a single country.

The decision to go to the WTO with the trade cases will trigger a 60-day period during which trade negotiators from both countries will try to resolve the disputes.

In a statement, the Motion Picture Association of America said that American industries lost an estimated \$2.3 billion in revenue to copyright pirates in China in 2005 with only one out of every 10 DVDs sold in China a legal copy. (AP)

Hopkins Official Tied to Loan Probe

ALBANY, NEW YORK | A student loan company under investigation by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo paid consulting fees to a student loan officer at Johns Hopkins University, paid for some of her graduate school tuition, and also paid consulting fees to officials at two other colleges, investigators said Monday.

In a letter sent to Johns Hopkins President William Brody, Cuomo investigators said they believe Student Loan Xpress, a unit of CIT Group Inc., paid more than \$21,000 for the school's director of student financial services to attend graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania between August 2002 to January 2004. Investigators also

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believe the official, Ellen Frishberg, was paid \$42,000 as a consultant for the company from April 2004 to October 2005.

Frishberg was placed on paid leave pending an inquiry by the university, said Johns Hopkins spokesman Dennis O'Shea.

Cuomo is investigating allegations of possible kickbacks to school officials for steering students to certain lenders. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

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Mirant	44.08	+3.44	+8.5	MemryPh	2.36	+.73	+44.8
IntShip	21.60	+1.67	+8.4	Antignes	4.31	+1.29	+42.7
RussBerrie	16.49	+1.21	+7.9	USA Tech n	11.33	+3.00	+36.0
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AmHmMtg	21.92	-3.92	-15.2	Sourcef re n	12.28	-5.07	-29.2
Vonage n	3.03	34	-10.1	Daktrnics s	22.13	-5.78	-20.7
IntRect	35.97	-2.83	-7.3	Caringtn	2.03	38	-15.8
HomeBanc	3.37	25	-6.9	AriadP	4.32	62	-12.6
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Fed Funds close	5.25	5.31	Canadian Dollar	1.1529	1.1511	1.1466	
3-month disc	4.88	4.91	European Euro	.7485	.7475	.8260	
2-year	4.72	4.57	Japanese Yen	119.30	119.35	118.27	
10-year	4.74	4.64	Mexican Peso	10.9765	10.9724	11.1481	
30-year	4.91	4.83	Taiwanese Dollar	33.11	33.12	32.32	

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Amylin	39.26	+.43	+8.8
BiogenIdc	44.39	63	-9.8
Celgene	58.90	+.87	+2.4
ChRvLab	47.37	+.93	+9.5
GenProbe	48.37	+.31	-7.6
Genentch	82.64	76	+1.9
Genzyme	60.82	71	-1.2
GileadSci	77.70	62	+19.7
Imclone	42.35	59	+58.3
Invitrogn	65.15	42	+15.1
Medlmun	36.76	+.38	+13.6
MillPhar	11.66	+.08	+7.0
QIAGEN	17.37	03	+14.8
VertxPh	31.56	+.64	-15.7

IT'S NO 'RASHÔMON': Larry the Cable Guy has signed on for the comedy film "Witless Protection," which begins shooting next month. He'll play a small-town sheriff who thinks a kidnapping is taking place, so he rushes in to help the damsel in distress. And that's about it.



Entertainment



SO DIMENSIONAL: "Meet the Robinsons" helped prove that audiences are willing to don glasses and pay more for 3D action.

Coming at You

Hollywood feels like it has a competitive edge with 3D films

DUCK! | By the end of the decade, Darth Vader could be rattling sabers above the heads of moviegoers, and Buzz Lightyear could be flying off the screen on his way to infinity and beyond. For real — or at least the cinematic version of real: 3D. A growing number of liveaction films and animated movies are expected to be offered in inyour-face 3D in the next few years, as thousands of theaters are outfitted with the special projectors and screens needed to show the films.

Jeffrey Katzenberg, chief executive of DreamWorks Animation SKG, is so gung-ho about 3D that he has said his studio might start exclusively releasing movies in the

format as early as 2009 with its "Monsters vs. Aliens."

"For Memorial Day weekend 2009, I would like to see 3,800 locations and 6,000 screens that we can put our movie on. And if they are there, then we will be exclusive in 3D," Katzenberg said at a recent investors conference.

So far, moviegoers have reacted positively to the few 3D films that have been released in recent years.

"Meet the Robinsons" from the Walt Disney Co. debuted March 30, earning \$25.1 million in its opening weekend. More than a quarter of that revenue came from the 581 screens across the country that showed the film in 3D, the company said. Those moviegoers were even willing to pay a few extra dollars to don special glasses and watch characters leave the screen.

A number of high-profile film-makers have 3D project in the works, including Peter Jackson, Robert Zemeckis and James Cameron. Walt Disney Co. has released 3D versions of three animated films and recently signed a deal with Zemeckis to produce more. The studio is also rumored to be making the sequel "Toy Story 3" in 3D, a report the studio declined to confirm.

These days, 3D films are more than just a gimmick. For theater owners and studios, the technology could be a lifesaver, luring people back to multiplexes for an experience that cannot be matched by sophisticated home-theater systems. The theater industry is also battling competition from video games and other alternative entertainment along with Internet downloads that will deliver high-definition films to homes.

Some industry executives think theaters can add as much as 50 percent to the cost of a ticket for a 3D feature. "If we can sell 10 percent to 15 percent of our tickets annually at a higher price point, that's a real mover of the needle," Mike Campbell, chief executive of Regal Entertainment Group, the largest U.S. theater chain. GARY GENTILE (AP)

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LOW

Quiet Protest

Low's CD "Drums and Guns" is a reaction to today's violent social climate, but it's not an outright protest record. The songs are tension-filled meditations rather than overt screams. Low's quiet passion imbues "Drums and Guns" with power and pain, which seethes rather than screams, and the effect is darkly beautiful and emotionally haunting.

3.30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with Loney, Dear, 7:30 p.m., \$15; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

KIRAN DESAI 'Loss' Winner



Kiran Desai comes to town for the first time since "The Inheritance of Loss" won the 2006 Man Booker Prize, one

of the most prestigious literary awards.

→ Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut

Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919.

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GARY JULES Mad World

Before "Donnie Darko," singer-songwriter Gary Jules was unknown. Then his acoustic version of Tears for Fears' "Mad World" became a U.K. hit and his profile soared. But that was several years ago, and Jules is back to making his way through this, ahem, mad world on his talent alone.

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue
East, Vienna; with Jenny Owen Youngs, 8 p.m., \$12; 703-255-1566.

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Swinging With Joy on the Wii

New golf game thrives because of Nintendo's unique controller

VIDEO GAMES | "Tiger Woods PGA Tour 07" is the closest thing to actual golf for the Nintendo Wii. For indoor putters who've had enough of the rather simple golf game that comes with the console, this title is a huge step forward.

The Wii is the first console with a wireless motion-sensitive remote.

This gives it an inherent advantage over other game systems, where golfing skill is generally dependent on your ability to click a mouse button or push a track ball at just the right time. The Wii makes for a much more realistic experience.

As with the real thing, striking a balance between power and accuracy is the trick. I spent days developing a consistent, straight shot that didn't sail out of bounds or into a pond. Putting, however, gave me problems no matter how



FORE! Except for all the hooks, slices & whiffs, you can swing like Tiger Woods.

much I practiced.

The Wii version's emphasis on controls seems to have come at the expense of the graphics. The visuals are bad, with some of the on-screen text so blurry that I could barely read it on my high-definition TV. The courses, too, generally lacked any visual punch, with bland colors and sparse scenery.

It's not a hole in one, but "Tiger Woods PGA Tour 07" is a solid debut for the franchise on the Wii.

MATT SLAGLE (AP)

Entertainment



NO WAITING IN VAIN: The documentary "Africa Unite," which chronicles the 2005 concert in Ethiopia that celebrated Bob Marley's 60th birthday, debuted Saturday in New York. Director Stephanie Black ("Life and Debt") mixed backstage and on-the-streets footage with musical performances from the 12-hour concert.

Musical Motorway

Trans Am returns with a seamless and lovely 'Sex Change'

MUSIC | After a two and a half year break, Trans Am is on the road again to support its new CD, "Sex Change."

But the District can no longer claim the group as its own.

After living in New Zealand, bassist Nathan Means moved to Portland, Ore. Guitarist Phil Manley now calls San Francisco home, and drummer Sebastian Thomson splits his time between London, Bethesda and New York City. Meanwhile, Manley also strums for the Champs and Thomson pounds for Weird War, but breaking up isn't something Trans Am considered.

"It's not something we'd have to formally end. There's not a lot to be divided," Means laughed. "There's not an estate to divide. We'd have to cancel payments on our Web site, and there's some gear that would have to be dispersed. That's it."

While its parts are spread out across the country, Trans Am still runs on the same musical engine: German drone rock and old-school electro bump up against ZZ Topish boogie guitar.

Trans Am's members started playing together in a high school classic-rock band. But the trio didn't refine its sound until the mid-'90s. when the musicians reconvened in



MOTOR ON: Former D.C. band Trans Am still purrs despite geographic separation.

D.C. after college. It was then that Trans Am unwittingly helped spark the "post-rock" movement: groups playing largely instrumental music that looked to other forms, such as jazz, electronica and world music, to color in their rock-based outlines.

'Sex Change" still fits the tenents of post-rock, even if the term is passé. But unlike some Trans Am albums, the sublime "Sex Change" largely bypasses hard rock in favor of playful electro-pop that recalls the legendary Krautrock band Neu! at its most hypnotically motorik.

"It's kind of boring, but in a way it was about us getting back together and having fun making an album again," said Means. "If there is something about it that's more approachable, or calmer, or more fun, I imagine that's the reason why." Christopher Porter (Express)

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Television



SAVED BY THE CW: Mario Lopez ("Dancing With the Stars," "Saved by the Bell," other terrible shows) will co-star with R&B singer Christina Milian in the CW comedy pilot "Eight Days a Week." The show focuses on four twentysomethings who work for powerful New Yorkers.

'Idol' Fools, Indeed

Sanjaya Malakar is getting joke votes — but he sings just fine

IS HE KIDDING? | I believe it was Shakespeare who wrote, "American Idol' (8 p.m., Fox) doth make fools of us all!"

The media obsession over the staying power of Sanjaya Malakar has become absurdly overheated. I predicted some time ago that he would survive long into the competition.

He's a nice, young, nonthreatening male — virtual catnip for the preteen female viewers who watch



SANJAYA, **HE'S ON FY-AH!** Tony Bennett and Express' TV writer love him.

"Idol" and presumably vote in large numbers.

The notion that a cynical Web campaign to "vote the worst" is behind Malakar's survival seems completely preposterous.

And the efforts of a certain satellite radio star to "destroy" the popular show by backing Sanjaya says more about Howard Stern's desperation for attention and relevance than it does about Malakar and "Idol."

And hair aside, is Malakar all that bad? I'm just a tone-deaf critic who can't sing "Happy Birthday," so what do I know?

Last week, young Malakar got a vote of confidence from Tony Bennett.

That's good enough for me. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

DOG DAYS FOR THE DOG

They say every dog has his day. Duane "Dog" Chapman has had quite a year, and he returns for the fourth season of DOG THE BOUNTY HUNTER (9 p.m., A&E). Last year, the grizzled and tragically permed man-hunter got married, lost a daughter and father-in-law and was arrested south of the Mexican border over his involvement in the extradition of convicted serial rapist Andrew Luster. Chapman continues to battle for his exoneration and still has time to bring AWOL outlaws to justice. "Dog" remains one of the most-watched documentary series on basic cable.





MACHO PERM: Dog fights the lawless — and the law — on "Bounty Hunter."

celebrity judges on **FUNNIEST MOM IN AMERICA** (9 p.m., Nick at Nite). Roseanne
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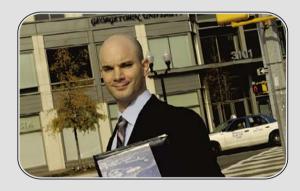
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Sports

Nats Trudge Through First Week

Team's 1-6 record only begins to tell the story of historically bad start

NATIONALS | Plenty of teams end disappointing seasons and say, "We'll get 'em next year!" The way the Washington Nationals have started 2007, they're essentially telling the world, "We'll get 'em in a few years!"

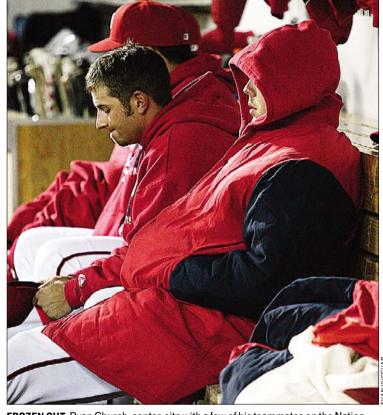
It's not only that the Nationals went 1-6 in the first week. It's how they did it: At no point this season when a pitch was thrown has Washington led a game.

"The way things have been going for us right now," right-hander John Patterson said, "you don't want to just go, 'Oh, no, here we go again.' We can't do that."

Washington has been outscored 45-18, and the only time the Nationals were ahead came when the final run crossed the plate in a threerun bottom of the ninth Wednesday for a 7-6 comeback victory over

"We're not the only team that has started with one win in the first week of the season. Everybody goes through those stretches," first-year manager Manny Acta said. "We're going to reel off a few wins, too."

Washington's cobbled-together rotation was expected to have problems and has — the starters are 0-6



FROZEN OUT: Ryan Church, center, sits with a few of his teammates on the Nationals' bench during Friday's loss to Arizona. Washington is 1-6 after the first week.



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with an NL-worst 7.15 ERA. But the problems are everywhere.

The offense scored a total of three runs Friday to Sunday while going through an 0-for-30 drought with runners in scoring position. The Nationals managed one hit and zero runs through eight innings Fri-

After a difficult first week, the Nats are near the worst in baseball in a variety of categories:

- No team has committed more errors than Washington's eight.
- → The Nationals haven't even attempted to steal a base; Opposing teams are 7-for-7.
- → Since 1900, no team has trailed 4-0 in each of its first six games until the Nationals.
- Washington has been outscored 13-0 in first innings and 22-0 in innings 1 through 3.
- → The Nats have a team batting average of .245 and their opponents are batting .364.

day, six hits and zero runs through five innings Saturday, and zero hits through 5 2/3 innings Sunday.

Rarely are teams thrilled about playing on the road, but Acta smiled when asked about this silver lining: For the next six games, at Atlanta and the New York Mets, the Nationals get to bat first and therefore have a chance to score first for a

"That's a good way to look at it," Acta said. "Because at home, it seems like every time we come to the plate, we've been trailing. So now we'll be able to hit before we're trailing, at least." HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

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GOLF | BY MATT SWENSON

Tiger's Resume Still Immaculate

TIGER WOODS LOST. So he is human after all

That is about all anyone can take away from this year's Masters.

The notion than the greatest golfer of his generation - and perhaps all time - somehow damaged his legacy by placing second at Augusta is silly.

It is true that Woods has vet to come from behind on a Sunday to win a Major, the only blight on his impressive resume.

And while this weekend may have been his best chance vet to erase that stat, it's not like Woods choked.

Any criticism received the days after the Masters is strictly a case of the unbelievably high expectations placed on Woods.

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He wins almost all the time.

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one of Woods' shots landing in

Even still, Woods stayed in contention all day - and enlivened a dead tournament with his eagle on the 13th hole.

A couple of Woods' blown birdie attempts later, Zach Johnson was the champion.

Good for Johnson for standing up to the king of golf and living to tell his story.

Praise should be heaped on the unknown victor, not doubts cast upon the favorite for coming in second at one of the hardest tournaments in the world.



New Cubs Start Slow at Home the water?

BASEBALL | The Cubs' home opener featured a new manager and big star, a hefty payroll and high expectations. The results? Pretty much the same old stuff.

Adam Everett hit a two-run homer off Bob Howry in the eighth inning to lead the Houston Astros over Chicago 5-3 Monday in the Wrigley Field home debuts of manager Lou Piniella and center fielder Alfonso Soriano.

Everett, who had six homers last season, connected on a 3-2 pitch from Howry (0-2), who'd given up a leadoff double to Morgan Ensberg. RICK GANO (AP)

Phillies, Rollins Trounced by Mets

APRIL II

Fans delight over the shortstop's failures in 11-5 loss at New York

BASEBALL | Jimmy Rollins has quickly become a favorite target for New York Mets fans.

After boasting about his team in spring training, Philadelphia's All-Star shortstop made a key error Monday as New York rallied for seven runs in the eighth inning to beat the Phillies 11-5 in its home

Carlos Delgado had three hits and two RBIs for the Mets, who overcame Ryan Howard's three-



SS Jimmy Rollins chases a ball after committing an error in the eighth inning.

run homer and roughed up Philadelphia's shaky bullpen.

The struggling Phillies dropped to 1-6, a disappointing start for a team with title aspirations.

Rollins was vocal about that in spring training, saying Philadelphia was the team to beat in the NL East even though the Mets won the division by 12 games last season.

So fans took particular delight in Rollins' failures Monday he grounded into a double play with the bases loaded to end the fourth and booted a grounder in the eighth that helped New York break the game open. MIKE FITZPATRICK (AP)

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Sports



IN THE ZONE: Pitcher Daniel Cabrera allowed two runs in 72/3 innings to help the Orioles beat the Tigers 6-2 in Baltimore. Cabrera struck out five and walked none.

Cabrera Is Strong **In Home Opener**

O's play in Baltimore a week later than usual, but get good results

ORIOLES | One week later, the Baltimore Orioles presented their fans with an opener that was well worth

Daniel Cabrera allowed two runs in 72/3 innings, Kevin Millar homered in a four-run third, and Baltimore began the home portion of its schedule by defeating the Detroit Tigers 6-2 Monday.

Melvin Mora had two hits, scored a run and drove in one for the Orioles, who have won three of four after an 0-3 start. Brian Roberts, who came in batting .136 (3-for-22), went 2-for-4 and scored twice.

Cabrera (1-1) gave up seven hits

and struck out five. He walked none - a significant statistic given that he led the AL with 104 walks in 2006. He's 3-0 in five career starts against Detroit.

Baltimore hadn't opened on the road in a year without a work stoppage since 1978, but the arrival of the Washington Nationals changed that tradition. So, seven days later than usual, a sellout crowd of 48,159 showed up at Camden Yards to watch the Orioles don their white uniforms for the first time.

The fun began soon after former Oriole great Cal Ripken Jr., threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Cabrera retired the side in order in the first inning, and although Detroit went up 1-0 in the second, Baltimore took control in the third against Chad Durbin (0-1). DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (7:35 P.M. ON MASN2) The Nationals leave the friendly confines of RFK for a road game against the

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) Still looking for that elusive win to clinch a playoff spot, the Wizard host the New Jersey Nets.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN) Baltimore hosts the AL champion Detroit Tigers in the second game of a three-game series. SOCCER (2:30 P.M. ON ESPN2 AND 5 P.M. ON ESPN CLASSIC) The playoffs of UEFA Champions League continue with two quarterfinal matches.

SEEING CIRCLES: Azerbaijan wants to host the 2016 Summer Olympics, President Ilham Aliev said. "Today the country's sports potential and the growing economic might of Azerbaijan allows us to do [this]," said Aliev. Azerbaijan has built 11 Olympic-grade sports facilities since 2000 and is building or planning 14 more.



Sports

Wiz Can Clinch vs. Inconsistent Nets

Team has struggled without stars but is a win away from playoffs

WIZARDS | Jason Kidd said it best after the New Jersey Nets pulled out a 120-114 overtime win over the Washington Wizards at Continental Airlines Arena Saturday night.

"We tend to make things difficult for ourselves," Kidd said.

Though Washington was playing without all stars Gilbert Arenas and Caron Butler and despite triple-doubles from Kidd and Vince Carter, the Nets had to go the distance before shaking free of the Wizards, whose lead over the New Jersey is down to three games heading into Tuesday's rematch at Verizon Center.

The Wizards (39-37) can clinch a third straight playoff appearance with a win or an Indiana loss to Philadelphia while the Nets (36-40)



Vince Carter, top, and the Nets beat the Wizards 120-114 in overtime on Saturday night in New Jersey. The Wizards haven't won since losing guard Gilbert Arenas.

can take one step closer to catching the sixth-seeded Wizards.

Both teams have six games remaining but the Wizards play at Miami Wednesday night, host playoff-bound Chicago on Sunday and also have a game remaining with eigth-seeded Orlando.

The Wizards have lost four straights and five of their last six,

but they have been competitive since a 122-102 loss at Charlotte last Tuesday. The problem is that the losing is beginning to take a toll on what has been one of the most fun locker rooms in the league.

Arenas's free-spirited approach to basketball and life helped create an atmosphere of looseness that has recently been replaced by tension.

"I think we're putting too much pressure on ourselves," guard DeShawn Stevenson said. "You can tell by the atmosphere. It's pretty tight right now, and it's going to be like that until we get a win."

Jordan has stressed that his team should not get caught up worrying about the playoff picture and the potential impact each game's outcome will have on the standings.

"Right now, it's about playing possession to possession," he said. "You get too far ahead of yourself and you lose your focus."

IVAN CARTER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Former UCLA Coach Wooden Is Hospitalized

COLLEGE HOOPS | Former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden has been hospitalized for treatment of a possible recurrence of diverticulitis.

Daughter Nancy Muehlhausen said the 96-year-old Hall of Fame coach was admitted to a Los Angeles-area hospital Sunday because



Wooden

of bleeding in the colon.

"He's absolutely doing fine," Muehlhausen said Monday. "He's laughing and cracking jokes. He looks good."

Wooden had two blood transfusions and will need at least two more, she said. Doctors could keep Wooden in the hospital for a couple of more days. GREG RISLING (AP)



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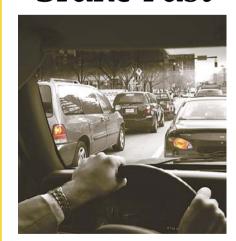
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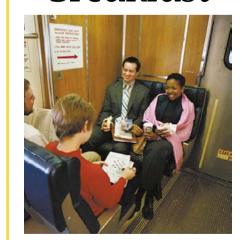


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Sports

BASEBALL | DEEP FREEZE



ON THE MOVE: The Indians ground crew clears Jacob Field of snow on Monday, After snow wiped out Cleveland's series against Seattle, the Indians will move their next home series, against the Angels, to Milwaukee.

Crosby Gets His Next Test

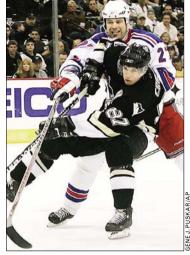
The Penguins' young star led his team to the playoffs — can he win?

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS | Mario Lemieux didn't win a scoring title until his fourth NHL season and, despite his enormous talent and on-ice presence, couldn't lead the Pittsburgh Penguins into the playoffs until his fifth season.

Sidney Crosby did both in his second season. At age 19.

The NHL hasn't seen anything like this since a 19-year-old Wayne Gretzky's first NHL season with the Edmonton Oilers in 1979-80 - ateenager being greatly responsible for carrying his team into the postseason

Crosby did exactly that with his 120-point season, one that left him six points ahead of San Jose's Joe Thornton and secured his first Art Ross Trophy as the NHL scoring leader. There aren't many in the NHL predicting it will be his last.



Sidney Crosby finished with 120 points in just his second season in the NHL.

Still, the most impressive statistic of Crosby's sophomore season wasn't his point total, which represented an 18-point increase from his rookie year, but this one: the Penguins' 47-24-11 record.

The Penguins' 105 points were the second most in franchise history, and bettered the point totals of their Stanley Cup-winning teams in 1991 and 1992. The 47-point improvement from a season ago, when they had a 22-46-14 record, and was the fourth best in NHL history. Their 47 victories were two more than they had in their previous two seasons combined

"The goal [when the season started] was just to get into the playoffs and, all of a sudden, we were fighting for home ice the whole second half," defenseman Ryan Whitney said. "So I don't think anvone can say anything less than it was a great season."

Now, the question going into the Penguins' first playoff series in six vears, or since Lemieux's comeback season in 2000-01, is how could good it will be. The fifthseeded Penguins open the playoffs Wednesday night in Ottawa against a team they've never met in the postseason.

"You work all season to get to this point," Crosby said. "Now it's time to get going." ALAN ROBINSON (AP)



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A High Honor for Robinson

'Pioneer' coach is fifth person to lie in repose at La.'s state Capitol

APPRECIATION | Thousands of mourners passed the open casket of Eddie Robinson on Monday in the Louisiana Capitol, where the famed Grambling State football coach viewed the body of slain political titan Huey Long more than 70 years ago.

Robinson, who endured the indignities of the Jim Crow era while building tiny and predominantly black Grambling into a football power, died last week at 88. His body was carried up a long stretch of granite steps by a group of former players, including former Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams, and passed between a long line of white-gloved ex-players.

Doris Robinson, Robinson's wife of 67 years, sat beside the open coffin during a private morning memorial service for players and coaches. She placed a football in the coffin



Former player Doug Williams, left, speaks during a ceremony for Eddie Robinson.

and rested her hand on Robinson's

An abbreviated version of the renowned Grambling band played the national anthem after the casket was placed at one end of Memorial Hall, the two-story, marble- and bronze-trimmed space between the Capitol's House and Senate chambers.

Robinson is believed to be just the fifth person to lie in repose at the Capitol. Others include Long, the former governor and senator, and his brother, Earl, also a former governor.

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There are indeed various possible deductions that you may be able to claim on this year's tax return. Before we get started though, it's important to remember that the items below may not apply to everyone and you should always seek the advice of a professional prior to claiming these deductions. But here are some things to ask about.

One of the most common deductions is the for student loan interest paid during the applicable tax year. If you have a student loan in your name that was taken out for either yourself, your spouse, or a dependant, you may be able to claim up to \$2,500 of the interest you paid towards that loan during 2006. If your adjusted gross income (AGI) is greater than \$50,000, your deduction amount will be reduced, and, if it's \$65,000 or more, it will be eliminated altogether. (These amounts changes to \$100,000 and \$130,000 respectively for a married couple filing a joint return). If you paid \$600 or more in interest over the last year, your student loan holder should be sending you Form 1098-E, which gives you the total amount of interest paid. If not, most loan holders have a phone number or Web site that will give you this information

You also may be able to claim up to \$3,000 in "qualified" education expenses you've paid for higher education during the applicable tax year. This includes tuition and fees required for enrollment at an eligible institute of higher education for yourself, your spouse or your dependant. The AGI maximum for this deduction is also \$65,000 (\$130,000 for those filing jointly), and you may not claim any taxfree monies (such as most scholarships) paid towards these expenses.

There are several other education deductions and credits that may be available to you such as the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit. You can find out more information about these and the deductions mentioned above in Publication 970 which can be found at www.irs.gov.

Good luck! -Betsv

Lower Interest Rate

Dear Betsy,

I just went through my exit interview for my loans at school and the woman there said something about getting a lower interest rate for paying my loans on time. Is this true?

Some student loan lenders and servicers do offer an incentive for paying your student loans on time. The program I've seen most frequently states that if you make your first 24 or 48 payments on time, the interest rate on your loan will be reduced anywhere from one to two percent for the rest of the life of loan. Other options I've seen reduce your interest rate up to one quarter of a percent just for allowing them to deduct your payments directly from your bank account every month.

Give your loan holder a call or look up their Web site to see if they offer these programs and if so, how you would apply

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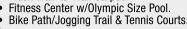
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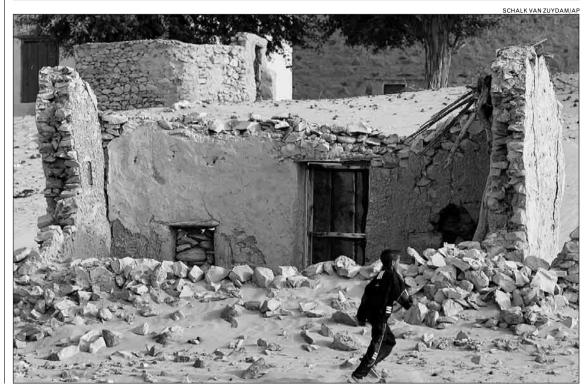
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Encroaching sand dunes are burying homes in Mauritania

On nights when the wind hisses across the dunes, the old man sits on his straw mat, draws a blanket around his shoulders and counts his dwindling money.

In the morning, Sidahmed Ould Magaya, 75, will be trapped inside his concrete one-room house, the wooden door sealed shut by a wall of sand accumulated overnight. In exchange for about \$6, workers will liberate him, hauling the yellow sand away in burlap bags.

At that rate, he has to sell a goat a month to pay for keeping the desert at bay in a country where the dunes are said to be shifting at an estimated 21/2 miles per year per year, according to government data.

Throughout Mauritania, a desolate, dune-enveloped country twice the size of France, men and women wage a daily battle against

With less rain falling now than in years past, the dunes have become dry and unstable. Global climate RUNNING DRY: Bena Mint Khoujor, left, holds her child in their house in the desert town of Chinguetti, Mauritania. A boy, right, runs past an abandoned house in the town, which is being covered by shifting sand dunes.

change bears part of the blame, as does the uprooting of the scraggly trees that once dotted the landscape to use as camel feed, firewood or for insulation, leaving nothing to bind the sand.

When the winds whip the land, the dunes advance like fingers, overtaking walls, forcing their way into courtyards and creeping under doors. Whole houses are



lt's a vicious

cycle, brought on by the changes in our climate."

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swallowed. Entire cities have been abandoned.

"When I built my house, I chose this spot because it was flat. Now

there's a mountain outside," says Magaya of his house, currently free of sand but precariously positioned at the edge of an advancing dune. His front door opens onto the face of the dune, which rises sharply upward and crests just above the roof from where it bears down on the old man like a yellow giant.

A wave of sand has crashed into his neighbor's home, swallowing the front door, forcing the family to use the back entrance. In the towns under the most sand, families go in and out of their windows. Snow plows crisscross the national highway, pushing sand aside to let cars through.

Europe and North America have hurricanes, floods and snowstorms; the nations lying across the Sahara - Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Chad and the southern edges of Libya, Algeria and Egypt - have sand, and a warming planet is making it less predictable.

Surface temperatures have risen by a little over 1 degree Fahrenheit in the last century, said Patrick Gonzalez, a climate scientist on the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The rise in the temperature of the Earth, as well as of the Atlantic Ocean bordering Mauritania, has had an impact on rainfall: It's down a fifth from the

Without moisture to keep the sand in clumps, it moves freely, dissipating in a yellow mist.

"It's a vicious cycle, brought on by the changes in our climate and worsened by the actions of mankind," said Moustapha Ould Mohamed, who heads the National Research Center on Desertification in Nouakchott, the Mauritanian capital.

In a 109-page national action plan written by the ministry last year, the Mauritanian government proposed a series of measures from the creation of a green belt around threatened cities to planting sticks in formations that halt the flow of sand.

"What's happening in Mauritania is dramatic and something needs to be done," said Mounkaila Goumandakoye, the acting director of the U.N. Development Program's Drylands Development Center. "Politicians are used to doing things to improve their country's GDP. They haven't yet understood the link between the advance of the dunes and their economic health."

Chinguetti, located on an ancient caravan route, was once Mauritania's most populous town with a population of 20,000 in the 19th century; its inhabitants now number 3.000, and over 300 of its 1.000 homes have been abandoned, Mayor Mohamed Ould Amara said.

"We're under an ocean of sand," Ould said. RUKMINI CALLIMACHI (AP)



Impressive Quickness

Food

Plate presentation is the hottest trend in fast-prep cookbooks

On one of the first real days of spring in the city, it's already Thanksgiving in the surprisingly small test kitchen for Everyday Food magazine.

The room smells of pumpkin and onions, and a half-dozen aproned cooks are gathered around the kitchen island, forks in hand, sampling a potato gratin, the latest entry for the November 2007 issue.

Sure, it tastes good — any test kitchen's goal. But this is what the group asks associate food editor Charlyne Mattox: How much effort did it take?

In the end, the cheese and some onions are in doubt, and Mattox will

make a new, quicker version the next day - something deputy food editor Allie Lewis thinks will surprise readers with its simplicity.

"It's pretty revolutionary to put cream and potatoes into a casserole and get that," Lewis said.

This is the ethos behind Martha Stewart's by-all-counts successful Everyday Food magazine and its new best-of cookbook, "Great Food Fast": Use few ingredients, but make sure they're fresh and healthy. Use as few steps as possible, but make sure the dish packs a punch and looks good on the plate.

The book is one of many "quickprep" collections new on the market this spring, as ever time-pressed Americans continue their quest to shave minutes off dinner hour labor. But it's not enough to be quick anymore. To succeed, these books must celebrate the "wow" factor.

The category's hottest entries focus on fresh and healthy ingre-



Sandy Gluck, left, food editor of "Everyday Food," and Allie Lewis, deputy editor.

dients, with nary a can of condensed soup in sight. Maybe even more importantly, they emphasize stunning visuals that appeal to cooks raised in the age of the Food Network, and look like books you'd be proud to display in your kitchen.

"There are at least six or seven new releases in that category this month, and they all have a really nice presence as a cookbook," said Brad Parsons, a senior editor at Amazon.com. "There's nothing disposable about them."

Loving photos of finished dishes just a decade ago were more likely to be found only in "the great, glorious" high-end gourmet books, she said. Now quick-prep books feature



minimal ingredients and they want a real 'wow' factor."

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them, too.

"People want minimal ingredients, they want a real 'wow' factor and they want to see what it's going to look like when its finished," said Alice Dasher, a saleswoman who specializes in cookbooks at Savannah, Ga.'s E. Shaver bookseller.

The food staff at Everyday Food takes their own photographs of every dish to storyboard each issue long before the dishes are professionally shot. They claim a minimum of food styling for their final photographs, attempting to make them look just as they might on readers' dining room tables.

"More than anything," Lewis said, "we want people to be successful in the kitchen." DIANE DAVIS (AP)

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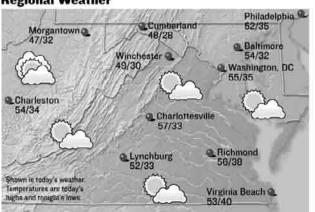
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D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 55. Wind north-west 7-14 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 35. Wind east 4-8

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:40	a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:40	p.m.
Moonrise today	2:39	a.m.
Moonset today	11:46	a.m.

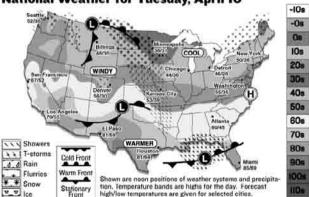








National Weather for Tuesday, April 10



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LOOK





Donald Trump leans on a table from his new home-furnishings collection, left; a bedroom from the mary-kateandashley line, right, which will be ready to buy in May.

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Adorn your abode with furniture lines from famous names

With the theme song from his reality television show blaring in the background, Donald Trump strode into a showroom at the world's biggest furniture trade show and started to brag about, of all things, his couch.

"Trump Home furniture offers consumers a tangible way to experience the luxurious Trump lifestyle for themselves ... even if they can't afford millions for one of my properties," Trump said. "Now the public can not only wear my clothes, they

can sit on my couch."

Should Trump's over-the-top bombast not suit your personal style, how about a couch from model Cindy Crawford? Or a couple of chairs from teen stars Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen? Such boldface names are all over furniture today, and some touted at this spring's International Home Furnishings Market in High Point are among the increasing number whose fame isn't rooted in the business of hearth and home.

Such famous-name furniture

isn't new — think Martha Stewart. Other celebrity lines that have sold well include that of American Realist painter Bob Timberlake and a collection named for fashion designer Liz Claiborne, both sold by Lexington Home Brands.

But several of the more recent

celebrities to enter

the market are like

Trump, who bring their name to the business as much as a designer's touch or artisan's eye. They include Crawford, whose furniture collection debuted in late 2005, and the Olsen twins, whose second collec-

tion will hit stores this spring.
Such well-known celebrity
names attract consumers who generally don't spend a lot of time shopping for furnishings, said Mary Frye,
president of the Home Furnishings
International Association.

"It's like being a political candidate," Frye said. "Sometimes they get elected not because you

Now the public can not only wear my clothes, they can sit on my couch."

DONALD TRUMP ON HIS NEWLY LAUNCHED FURNITURE LINE

side with them on their political issues, but because you recognize the name."

Trump Home's Westchester line is formal, with burled woods, brocades and leather, while the Central Park line has a modern flair with Art Deco-influenced accents. Both are in the middle of Lexington's price range, with a Central Park rectangular dining room table set to cost about \$1,595. A similar Westchester table will cost about \$1,795.

There have been some notable failures. Vaughan-Bassett Furniture Co. dropped its Elvis Presley collection just 18 months after its debut in 2002. Company spokesman Doug Bassett said the typical Elvis fan loved the furniture, but couldn't afford it.

The key,saidJerry Epperson, a furniture industry analyst with Richmond, Va.-based investment banker Mann, Armistead and Epperson, is mixing the identity and the appeal of the celebrity with the affordability and attractiveness of the product.

"No one will buy ugly or overpriced furniture because someone's name is on it," he said.

IEVA M. AUGSTUMS (AP)

Beauty



Eye Like It!

Eventually this cold snap will pass and we'll be in the armpit-wetting heat of August. Which means it's time to look for makeup that stays. Yay for Dior's new EYE SHOW (\$30, Sephora), a cream eyeshadow that will. Not. Come. Off. We tried Pop Aquadelic, a pale aqua-green, although it does come in less frightening colors. A light touch led to a subtle teal shimmer, the color deepened with each layer. By the time we were done, we looked like a mermaid with a disco fetish. It was awesome. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty



Not Just for Breakfast

Italians know what they're doing, what with the pasta and the opera and the hot men and all. They also have it down when it comes to skincare: CLEO, an Italian brand now available in the U.S., is cheap and excellent. The Shower Cream in Red Fruits (\$4, exclusively at drugstore.com) smells at first like a Strawberry Shortcake doll chewing Double Bubble, but mellows into a soapy scent. The yogurt-based formula is incredibly moisturizing — we didn't even need lotion after a shower to keep things smooth. Bravo! K.P.K.

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Arlington County officials are considering a plan to offer broadband wireless Internet access to residents and visitors across their 26 square-mile jurisdiction. There's a public meeting tonight to discuss the plan. Find out more about it at readexpress.com. | ONLINE NOW





ENTERTAINMENT

History of Violence

If you didn't know better, you might mistake Low's "Drums and Guns" CD for a protest record. But drummer Mimi Parker told Express contributor Aaron Leitko that that's not the case. Read what she had to say before Low plays the Black Cat on Tuesday. | ONLINE NOW

LOCAL HISTORY

A Botched Duel

Tucked away on Glebe Road in Arlington
near Chain Bridge is a spot more historic for
what could have happened than what did. In 1825, thenSecretary of State Henry Clay fought a duel with Virginia Sen.
James Randolph. When the smoke cleared, all assembled were
surprised. Find out why. | ONLINE NOW

comment board

Stupid? Yes. Insensitive? Yes. Ignorant? Yes. So what else is new? Limbaugh, Coulter, Stern et al spew this filth everyday. What is frightening is that many people enjoy this garbage."

COMMENTER SHANE, RESPONDING TO MONDAY'S POLL QUESTION, "SHOULD DON IMUS BE FIRED FOR BIGOTED JOKES ON HIS SHOW?" THE RADIO HOST HAS BEEN UNDER FIRE AFTER REFERRING TO THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AS "NAPPY-HEADED HOS."



Everyone will agree that we all have the right to free speech. But just because we have the right to say things is it right to say them. Anyone ever stop and think what this did to these players, who did nothing other than play a game of basketball. This whole things sickens me."

COMMENTER SB, ALSO RESPONDING TO THE IMUS CONTROVERSY.

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TODAY'S QUESTION

Should handguns be banned in Washington, D.C.?

1. Yes

2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Should Don Imus be fired for bigoted jokes on his show?

AS OF 5 P.M. MONDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.







"That's a lot of empty seats. Especially for a Sunday game, less than one week into the season. [I]t wasn't that cold. Suck it up, Nats fans."

THEDCUNIVERSE.BLOGSPOT.COM CRITICIZES THE D.C.-AREA FOR NOT FILLING UP THE SEATS AT RFK STADIUM FOR SUNDAY'S GAME BETWEEN THE NATIONALS AND THE DIAMONDBACKS.



"As a busker, one needs to interact with those around, break walls of personal space and lure people into a collective ..."

SAWLADY.COM/BLOG ASSESSES THE WASHINGTON POST'S EXPERI-MENT PUTTING WORLD-FAMOUS VIOLINIST JOSHUA BELL IN A DRAB L'ENFANT PLAZA PASSAGE TO SEE IF HE ATTRACTED A CROWD.



"EVER WONDER why every time [House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman] Henry Waxman sends out a subpoena or asks a pointed question about Republican criminality and corruption, the same thing isn't happening in the Senate?"

THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION, LEFT-LEANING BLOGGER FIREDOGLAKE.COM SAYS YOU MUST ASK SEN. JOE LIEBERMAN, WHO CHAIRS THE SENATE'S GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE.

"WHILE SOME may decry this as Google's latest attempt to take over the world, I see it as Google, once again, doing it better, faster and freer [is that a word] than everyone else."

CATCHUPBLOG.TYPEPAD.COM DOES NOT FEAR GOOGLE'S NEW DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.

"I LOVE SPRING CLEANING. I

don't like the actual physical labor of cleaning ... unfortunately, my dog sheds ... a lot."

NEVERINTOWN.BLOGSPOT.COM SPENT THE EASTER WEEKEND SPRUCING THINGS UP.

Live Online

United Soccer

D.C. United president and CEO
KEVIN PAYNE was online Monday
and talked about the start of the 2007
MLS season, which will feature David
Beckham, and D.C.'s stadium plans.



Where is this stadium that Mayor Fenty promised us last year?

We are continuing to work very closely with the administration, the departments of economic development and the office of planning, on the overall

stadium plan and development plan for Poplar Point, and when the administration is ready to talk about that publicly, we'll do so. But progress is being made.

What is the greatest strength and weakness of the United?

Traditionally, our greatest strengths have been our competitiveness, our willingness to pressure the other team and our attacking ability. We've struggled a bit in the early going this year. However, I have great confidence in Tom Soehn and his staff and their ability to get our players on the right page

How do you expect to the arrival of Beckham later this season in L.A. to

affect soccer in the United States?

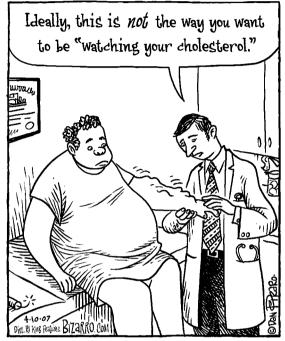
I expect David Beckham to have an enormous effect on our league. He is an iconic figure in sports, and is one of those truly rare athletes who transcends the sports page and has become a cultural symbol as well as a hugely successful player on the field. I think that the choice of Beckham as the first truly major signing under the new rule was an inspired one by the Galaxy, particularly because of David's personality and his commitment to the game and his teammates.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE:
The Post's David Brown and Professor Ronald S. Calinger discuss the work of mathematician Leonhard Euler at II a.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline



WAIT UNTIL THE VERY LAST MINUTE TO DO YOUR TAXES. Remember, they are due on April I7 — one week from today. Beat the post office rush on the actual day by consulting the IRS (www.IRS.gov/help/index.html) for any questions you might have.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*



"Yes, I saw the obituary. So, is that why you weren't in yesterday?"

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

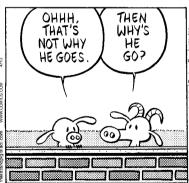






Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis







The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A straightforward, honest approach is best - especially when the issues at hand are most sensitive. A co-worker may request your

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The time has come for you to do a good turn for someone who has done you a favor recently. Keep all relationships on a firm footing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can say much — and much it will surely mean — but one or two key messages will have the greatest impact on a certain few who listen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll be able to look after more than your own duties — but take care you let others act out certain key roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Explanations come easily, but there may be certain issues. that require a bit more investigation if you're to get at the whole truth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Makesureevery-

thing is in the open; you don't want to find that someone in your camp is secretly plotting against you in some way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Indecision will not be a major factor, and yet you may discover that something you rushed into vesterday is not right for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're going to want to assemble the best possible crew to work on a project that is just getting started. You can go for broke.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What others say about you is not likely to affect you as much as you may think. How you feel about your own actions is most significant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll want to start slowly and build, step by step, to a climax that cannot be ignored. What you have to offer is of great importance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You needn't fill your head with thoughts of style and image. Substance is most important, however; focus on each detail as best vou can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Avoid formalities if you wish, but do not forget your manners when dealing with those in positions of importance.

Letters

Who Cares About No. 4?

LOOKING AT MONDAY'S Express, I was shocked to see an Entertainment topper on page 15 about "Blades of Glory" being No. 1 at the box office this weekend and "Grindhouse" being No. 4. So, we don't talk about Nos. 2 or 3 anymore? I guess when you have a big time director coming in at No. 4, it is better than the unknown directors coming in at Nos. 2 or 3?

> -CAL MAYFIELD Silver Spring, Md.

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Today in History

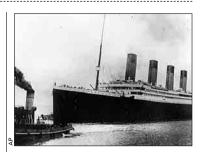
1790 President George Washington signs into law the first United States Patent Act.

1912 The Titanic sets sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

1925 F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel "The Great Gatsby" is first published.

1932 German president Paul Von Hindenburg is reelected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.

■ The United States and the Soviet Union join some 70 nations in signing an agreement banning biological warfare.



The RMS Titanic left port today in 1912.

Negotiators reach a land-Negotiators reach a lanumark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks in Northern Ireland.

Former Enron Chief 2006 Executive Jeffrey Skilling begins testifying in his fraud and conspiracy trial.



LOOK People



 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{OK}}, \ensuremath{\mathsf{we}}\xspace$ get it. You have a strong profile.

BRIEFOVERLINE

With Baby Loss on Horizon, Stern Seeks Other Income

HOWARD K. STERN, former companion of Anna Nicole Smith, has hired a lawyer to possibly sue media Stern believes are implicating him in the deaths of Smith and her son. "The television, tabloid and Internet trial of Mr. Stern in the court of public opinion based on sensational lies, speculation, rumor and gossip is over," said attorney Lin Wood. (AP)

MEMORIALS

Former Consort Declares April 8 'Queen Cher Day'

It was a **SONNY BONO** weekend in the California desert. Bono's sidewalk star, dug up years ago for a construc-



tion project, was relocated on Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs, Calif., and dedicated Saturday in front of the pop

star-turned-politician's bronze statue. "It's unbelievably beautiful," said U.S. Rep. Mary Bono. "We will never forget what he has done for us," said Mayor Ron Oden, who proclaimed April 7 as Sonny Bono Day. (AP)



PEEVED

She's So Over It

HALLE BERRY is miffed at Parade magazine for delving into her 1996 brush with suicide, E! Online reported. In past years, Berry has said she considered killing herself after her marriage to baseball player David Justice ended. Berry alleges that Parade used quotes from years-old interviews to make it sound like she discussed the episode with the interviewer. "It's 10 years old. I'm so past it and I'm so beyond it," she said. (EXPRESS)

EPISTEMOLOGY

Actor Elucidates Rift Between 'Thoughts' And 'Formed Ideas'

of "Spider-Man 3,"
isn't sure he'd
play the superhero a fourth
time. "I appreciate movies
from a standpoint of entertainment and distraction, and I also
love when people make
movies that help raise awareness," he said. "I don't really have a
lot of formed ideas. It's more just

thoughts," he tells Men's Journal. Maguire says he talks to the media about his movies, but he doesn't "feel compelled to share

anything." Maguire says he began attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at 19. "I have an addictive nature," he said, "an obsessive-compulsive nature — well, I don't know that's what it is clinically. But I go to

ness," he said. "I don't really have a lot of formed ideas. It's more just sober, that became routine." (AP)

CURIOUS

Even Its Stars Don't Know Why This Show Is Still On

KEVIN JAMES of "The King of Queens" credits the success of the long-running sitcom to staying under the radar. "It may have worked for us because people kinda left us alone," he said. "You know, when they

tapped us on the shoulder and we looked up, it was nine years later. We



never really were that shiny show, but we're a simple show — and that's something that I'm proud of." (AP)

This would be a longer caption if Word hadn't eaten all our Mac's memory.

RELIEF Creator of Bloated Word Processor Safe on Station

A Russian-built Soyuz capsule carrying the American billionaire who helped develop Microsoft Word docked at the international space station late Monday, to the earthbound applause of Martha Stewart and others at Mission Control. Stewart is a friend of CHARLES SIMONYI, the American who shelled out \$20-25 million to be the world's fifth paying private space traveler. (AP)

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14 Leave unacknowledged

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17 Won unconvincingly 19 Has put words

to music 20 Configurations

21 One who serves and receives 23 Old hat

26 Hard to come by 27 Handled

clumsily 30 Pantry intruder, perhaps

32 Nissan rival 35 Japanese Prime Minister Hirobumi

36 Office chair feature

39 Chance upon 40 Gives no stars

42 Flared dress

___ fixe (obsession) 44 Napoleon's

home, for a while 45 Doohickey

47 Sports car protector

48 With cunning 50 Wheel track

51 So far

53 Fervent

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60 Emulated 5-Across 64 Tingling with excitement 65 Near miss 68 Bit of chicanery 69 Middy counterpart 70 It's on the agenda 71 Exploit

72 Helps in a bad 73 Plane beginning

DOWN

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have it as a gift7 Peacock tail feature 8 Father of Shem and Japheth

6 Some people

9 Help with homework, e.a. 10 Rye partner 11 Got off a packed

subway train, in a way 12 Grabs some

rays 13 Plates that move 18 Shows how

22 Frodo's friend 24 Hand on deck 25 Jealous

27 Vocal cords, in slang

28 In the least bit 29 Was barely victorious 31 Take care of 33 Big name on the farm 34 Corroded 37 Small mass of soft material 38 It's suitable for grazing 41 Snatched from the fire, e.g. 46 They're set for marriages 49 Yang counterpart

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Vesterday's Solution

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Robert Hein and Deborah Fenwick

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Fairfax, VA

April 23rd

Fairfax Presbyterian Church

10723 Main St.

Fort Washington, MD April 14th World Gym Fitness Center 12746 Old Fort Rd.

April 16th Residence Inn

Fairfax, VA

May 3rd

Residence Inn

12815 Fair Lakes Pkwy.

Herndon, VA

April 24th

Hilton Washington Dulles Airport

13869 Park Center Rd.

8400 Old Courthouse Rd.

Bethesda, MD April 25th Doubletree Hotel Bethesda

April 17th May 1st Hilton Springfield 6550 Loisdale Rd

8120 Wisconsin Ave.

April 19th Residence Inn - Washingtonian Center 9721 Washingtonian Blvd

Rockville, MD April 26th Rockville Presbyterian Church 215 W. Montgomery Ave.

April 21st Chevy Chase Athletic Club 5454 Wisconsin Ave

Alexandria, VA April 27th Woodbine Rehab & Healthcare Center 2729 King Street

Alexandria, VA May 4th Hampton Inn 5821 Richmond Hwy

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Will the Kids Stay in the Picture?

and I married three vears ago, we both agreed that kids would enter the picture someday. A year ago, I changed careers and am working harder than ever, but loving it, Mv husband is ready for kids, and I can't imagine a worse time. I want to give my everything to my career right now, and I simply do not believe there's a place for a baby. He accuses me of tricking him, and says I never wanted kids at all. Truthfully, I'm not sure if I do,

When my husband

I ought to don a powdered wig and wooden teeth, because I'm suddenly

but I'm willing to have them,

someday. Help! -va.



"Alright already, I get it. You don't want to have children."

in the mood to talk about inalienable rights and self-evident truths:
a) that kids and career growth are not mutually exclusive; b) that you deserve to be honest about changing feelings without being accused of

lying about them; c) that you must admit the difference between "it's not the right time" and changing your mind; and d) that the Mommy doesn't automatically have to be the one to sustain the bigger bump in the career road (see a), then rinse and repeat).

This isn't something that will be easily solved by compromise — half a kid would be really hard to diaper — but it is something that must be painstakingly worked through with honesty. That means your husband can't accuse you of trickery, but you can't hide behind "Not now" when what you might really mean is "Not ever." That, ultimately, will be what you both have to come to terms with, along with whether it's a dealbreaker in your relationship.

Of course, the jackpot here-andnow solution is for you to agree to a time frame in which to decide. That gives you the opportunity to follow your current path, unstifled, for a while longer, but it gives him the definitiveness of a time and date for an answer. In the meantime, if you need a boost to help communicate heart-to-heart rather than bullhorn-to-brick wall, there are some great couples counselors out there. Could a gist he aches?

Could a psychologist help with headaches? —TIRED OF THEM

That depends. Do you mean with reducing them or creating them?

When pain or physical disorders have psychological components, as is the case for several types of headaches, certain therapies can really help. Relaxation training, stressmanagement techniques and biofeedback (where you learn to control some of your "involuntary" physiological responses) are all beneficial. In fact, merely increasing someone's sense of control can help alleviate pain. And gardenvariety psychotherapy can reduce anxiety and depression, which leads to a healthier lifestyle, better coping skills and the ability to avoid self-sabotaging and self-destructive behaviors. All of that sounds much better than Tylenol, no?

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I Can See **Clearly Now**

IF YOU'RE an allergy sufferer, spring brings sniffling, sneezing and eyeglasses: Many of us simply can't stand contact lenses in our itchy eyes when the pollen count is high. Enter the new 1-Day Acuvue Moist, a disposable lens that uses something called Lacreon technology to keep contacts wetter and more supple than even typical disposables. They're floppier bies may have more trouble getting them into their eves

Once we got over the feeltor. Kristen page-kirby (express)

The Science **Of Supplements POPPING PILLS EVERY MORNING** is routine for

boomers who want to prolong middle-age as long as possible. Bayer's new Nutritional Science line addresses their specific issues with four new supplements (for heart, mind, eyes and joints/bones), plus overall health with its Vital Body and Cells multivitamin (\$15-\$20). Even that has fancy extras — pomegranate to boost cell regeneration, for instance.

than regular ones, though, so new-

ing of wastefulness that resulted from chucking a pair of lenses every day, we did notice an improvement in comfort. Even a visit to a dog-centric household which normally would have sent us home crying and ferociously rubbing - couldn't faze our new ocular accessories. Get a free sample (with a prescription, of course) at acuvue.com. or see your eve doc-

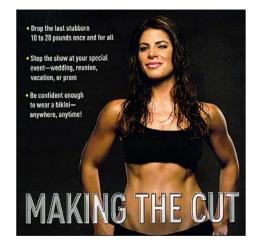
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From Thaw to Maw

WHEN WE WERE INFANTS, our moms considered pureed hotdogs a suitable meal. Now you don't love your child unless it feeds on frozen organic baby food. The latest brand on the scene is Baby Cubes (\$5 for 10, baby-cubes.com), which are actually trapezoids. Of the 21 flavors, we tried apple, blueberry and winter squash. The latter two are a bit watery for sucessful spooning, but all are flavorful without being too sweet.

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I'm trying to improve my flexibility, but I'm not sure what kind of stretching is the best. Is there one type of stretching that works better than others to increase range of motion?

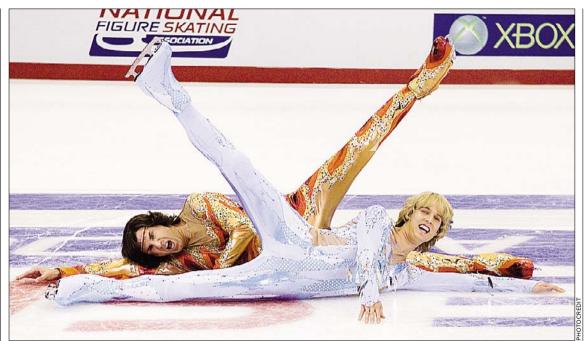
There are many different types of stretching, so you have plenty of options. Your choices are static, active, dynamic, corrective and contract/relax (also called PNF).

Static stretching will seem familiar — it's the traditional method of holding a muscle in a lengthened position. Active stretching is growing in popularity, though; it involves flexing the muscle opposite the one you want to stretch. Dynamic stretching is flexibility through movements like squats, lunges and the like. Athletes use this method as a warm-up to prepare for activity.

Corrective stretching involves the use of myofascial release techniques, which employ such tools as bio-foam rollers. This method releases pockets of toxins, which make it possible to stretch a tight muscle. Finally, contract/relax stretching involves holding a stretch, contracting the same muscle, then relaxing it.

The most important aspect of any program to up flexibility is consistency. You should stretch every day to really see the best results. I'd also recommend weekly yoga classes for even greater improvement.

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NICE ICE BABY: Will Ferrell is a liar, liar pants on fire because his body is nowhere nearly as good as what real skaters sport.

Bodies of Glory

Figure skating strengthens your legs and core

Two dudes lifting each other up by their spandex-clad crotches isn't the unbelievable part of "Blades of Glory," the skating flick that's topped the box-office charts the past two weeks.
But Will Ferrell and his doughy gut starring as Chazz Michael Michaels, a pudgy ice-skating champion? Talk about absurd.

While many folks view rinks as an excuse to get goofy, fall down a few times, then sip hot cocoa, real skaters know a tough ice session can rival the calorie burning and muscle toning of a Pilates class, squat

sets and a road race combined.

To give amateurs a taste of how exhausting an hour on blades can be, Kettler Capitals IcePlex — the Ballston rink that serves as the Washington Capitals' home base — is launching a program called "Fitness Skate for Recreational Skaters."

"It's like an aerobics class. You're moving the whole time," explains skating director Holly Eisenhour, who says the course has prompted calls from rinks around the country interested in starting their own.

Students have to be skilled enough to stay on their feet while

whizzing around, and they're expected to know some simple turns, like mohawks, and crossovers. But the basic idea is to go as fast as possible for as long as possible to get as much cardio as possible. (Loud, pumping music helps with that.) Although there's some technique involved, and the instructor may correct bad form, the focus is the workout.

To rink rats, this sounds a lot like a "stroking" class, which top skaters use to build their cardiovascular ability so they can perform all their gorgeous and strenuous artistry without looking winded. Rebecca Boyden, a competitive figure skating instructor with Reston's SkateQuest, says focusing on stroking makes sense for more mature beginners. "It's the most fun way for an adult to get into skating without so much risk of injury," she says, noting that the jumps are not a realistic goal for

FITNESS SKATE SIGN-UP

→ Class is offered at Kettler (\$150 for two-month session, 627 N. Glebe Rd., 703-224-0555; capitalsicecenter.com) Mon. at 8 a.m., Tues. at 12:45 p.m. and Sat. at 2:30 p.m. Students also get a month-long membership at the Ballston Sport & Health club.

anyone without "youthful reflexes."
"And women will want to know that it's really good for the butt and thighs." Plus, skating works both the core and the stabilizer muscles in the ankles and knees, which does an aging body good in terms of injury prevention.

While kiddies may dominate most ice arenas, the Kettler crew sees potential in an older clientele. The rink offers adults-only skating times, and with the addition of the fitness classes, Eisenhour thinks more grownups will get hooked. "People are always looking for an activity that's different than running," she says.

In the summer months, trading sneakers for skates means you'll rarely overheat even in the recommended class attire: sweatpants, gloves and a light jacket. And while they have showers, you probably won't need them. As Eisenhour explains, "You're burning calories, but you're not sweating that much."

OBESITY OUTLOOK ►► 50 MILLION POUND CHALLENGE

Pounding the Pavement

■ The crowd at the Mall this past Saturday morning wasn't worried about the number of inches of snow on the ground, but rather the number surrounding their waistlines. That's because Dr. Ian Smith, of VH1's "Celebrity Fit Club" fame and author of "The Fat Smash Diet," was issuing the 50 Million Pound Challenge (50 million pounds.com), one of the largest health initiatives ever undertaken for African-Americans. The star-studded affair, sponsored by State Farm Insurance, sweetened the deal with appearances by Biz Markie, Steve Harvey, Yolanda Adams and others.

Smith's campaign for better eating and exercise habits — and a collective weight loss of 25,000 tons — will be traveling around the country, with a stop at Baltimore's Inner Harbor on Sat., April 21. "We need to reverse this deadly trend," he says. That means pushing better foods and preparation methods ("we cook our vegetables in fats and cook them too long," he notes) along with stressing



the importance of activity. Those who accept the challenge — it's free — are given pedometers to encourage walking, one of the easiest ways to exercise. (Pick up a kit at a Challenge event or from any of the State Farm agents listed on the Web site.) "It's cheap, almost anyone can do it and it doesn't require anything but a pair of shoes," says Smith.

And to his launching pad, Smith poses an additional challenge: "We want Washington to give us a million pounds and serve as a beacon for other cities." v.H.

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Cutting-Edge Exercises

What Evan Lysacek does to keep his body primed for triple axels

Skating is always a solid workout. But when you're the 2007 U.S. men's figure-skating champion, you've got to do more than circles. Evan Lysacek, who'll be gracing the Verizon Center on Saturday as part of "Champions on Ice," exercises every day to stay in shape. "We can't take three days off and still skate the same way," he says. Just hearing what the 2I-year-old does on a regular basis is enough to make you sore all over.

What's your regular workout like?

In skating, we use specific muscles — not the ones you'd develop walking around or going to the gym. It's a lot of stabilizer muscles, so we incorporate balance training. Instead of

doing a normal arm press, I'll do it on one leg and lower into a squat. Plus, I do a lot of core training, and quickness drills. It takes up my whole day.

How much energy does it take to perform?

There aren't many exercises I can think of, short of a full-out sprint, that are as high-intensity as a short program. The long program is close to five minutes for the men and it requires incredible cardiovascular ability. I run a lot, but that doesn't build the cardio I need. The only way is repetition of the program.

Any particularly tricky moves?

The quad jump — that's four rota-

tions in the air — is like doing a high jump. We need to have that kind of power and speed, and we have to make it look easy. These tricks

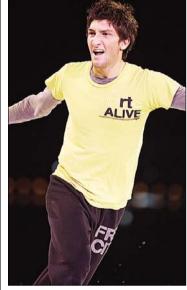
are nearly impossible and we have to make them look effortless.

How tiring is skating without the tricks?

I don't feel the burn of stroking around the rink, but I always realize how hard it is when my friends try. A lot more adults are doing it for exercise, which make sense, because for me, the best way to stay in shape is to diversify.

What other sports do you do to mix up your workouts?

I like to play golf, but that's not a



Looking this good on the ice takes long hours on the rink and at the gym.

very good workout. I love to run, bike and hike. I like to swim, but the water in L.A. is too cold. I love to do power yoga, because it builds and elongates muscles. We need to stay trim for those outfits.

How much do you have to think about your diet?

I used to have a nutritionist and I forced myself to eat what I thought was right. But now, I eat what my body tells me I need. If I want meat, I'll eat meat. If I crave iron, I'll have spinach. I enjoy healthy foods. And I take Juice Plus, which has 10 servings of fruits and vegetables.

Any miracle foods you eat before you compete?

I always try to have protein because the energy lasts longer. From the warm-up until I'm done skating might be two hours, so I need it. Hopefully, I can find steak wherever I am in the world. I got that advice from Michael Jordan's book.

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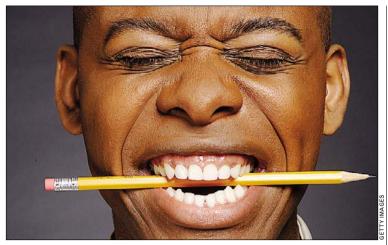
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Stressing the **Smallest Stuff**

Figure out what exactly is driving vou so bonkers

You know vour taxes are stressful, but not all anxieties are so obvious. Here are five situations that might be silently sending your blood pressure soaring.

Using Your Computer

When you press the power button, "your breathing rate goes up 30 percent, your blinking rate goes way down, and you tend to tighten your arms and shoulders without knowing it," says Erik Peper, director of the Institute for Holistic Healing at San Francisco State University.

→ SLASH THE STRESS: Change your body position every half hour or so. Visit cheqsoft.com for free software that will tell you to also take microbreaks — quick pauses to close your eyes and flex your wrists.

Surviving a Layoff

The ax fell and missed you. Good news, right? Maybe not. A Finnish study found that those who remain employed after a corporate downsizing are twice as likely to die of heart disease triggered by job stress.

→ SLASH THE STRESS: If you weren't told why the layoff happened, ask. "Information is a great calming force," says Harry Dahlstrom, author of "Surviving a Layoff or Downsizing."

Your Wife Is Pregnant

She's glowing — but you're sweat-

ing. A study in Australia found that the first months of a pregnancy are the most stressful for first-time fathers, many of whom don't feel prepared.

→ SLASH THE STRESS: Develop a financial strategy - draw up a new will, start a college account get your insurance in order.

Trying to Relax

Forget those bills you have to pay. Forget the six projects waiting on your desk. Just breathe deeply. Feel better? Maybe in the short term, but even the most effective relaxation technique is no substitute for getting to the root cause of your stress.

→ SLASH THE STRESS: Use some of your downtime to address what's worrying you. Make a list with two columns - stressors you can eliminate and those out of your control — and then start working on the first item in the first column.

Behind the Wheel

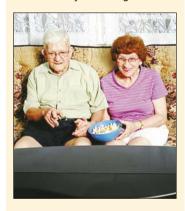
Even after the engine cools down, you haven't. Scientists in Canada found that men who reported the most irritation while commuting were most likely to act stressed and hostile throughout the day.

→ SLASH THE STRESS: If your daily commute ties you up in traffic that's more stop than go, accept that you may need to wake up a half hour earlier. You can also explain your situation to your supervisor and try to adjust your morning schedule (that is, unless you just survived a layoff). (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF MEN'S HEALTH MAGAZINE © RODALE INC.)

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The Parent Trap

■ Bad parenting screws up a lot of kids, but it turns out some manage to emerge from childhood unscathed. Their saving grace? They probably don't have the genetic tendency toward delinquency. According to a study in the Archives of General Psychiatry, children with a family history of antisocial behavior have a higher risk of developing such traits when faced with "cold or harsh" parents. But, if you're worried about your children becoming bad seeds, you're probably not one of the parents the study is warning about.



'Granny! Idol Is On!'

■ A poll of 100 people over age 99 by Evercare has revealed the secrets to long life: spirituality, no cigarettes and keeping up with pop culture. Now you have no excuse to skip that "America's Next Top Model" marathon. "Sure," you can tell yourself, "I should be training for the Boston marathon, but if I don't watch this, I might not live to 100!" Thirty percent of the seniors noted that they watch reality television. So, you may live a long life, but it'll be filled with crap.

Don't Work and Drive

■ The number of people being murdered at work has fallen by 55 percent in the last 15 years. Are Americans nicer, smarter or less insane? No. Though work-related homicides are less common, traffic-related on-the-iob deaths have increased. We suspect the maniacs of the world have just wised up: No need to kill the object of your rage at his place of business. Just convince him to get in the car.

Spa Buffs Spill Secrets

The tricks you need to have the most fabulous spa vacation ever

If you've never been on a spa holiday, you might think you don't need to plan a thing. After all, how much scheduling is required for lying on your back and letting people rub good smelling substances all over you? But the experience will be a lot more blissful if you come armed with these spa secrets of the pros.

BOOK FACIAL AND BODY TREAT-MENTS BEFORE YOU GO: Several weeks' notice is ideal, says Susan Keene, spa director of the Emerson Resort and Spa in Mount Tremper, New York. Newbies who think they can wait to book them once they arrive get stuck with 7 a.m massages — or, worse, none at all.



SCHEDULE RELAXING TREAT-MENTS LIKE MASSAGES FOR YOUR FIRST DAY OR TWO: You'll get more out of them when you're

stressed from your routine. Also, book facials for early in your stay to give your skin time to calm down. And save moisturizing wraps till the end for the dehydrating flight home, says Mary Blackmon, founder of Spa-Addicts.com.

TREATMENTS: They're pricey considering all you get is relaxation in a glorified bathtub, says Karen Shawn, spa director of Miraval in Tucson. Use the hot tub or sauna instead.

THINK 3 — 3P.M., THAT IS: That's the best time for a massage: after your morning workout and before the late-afternoon rush, says Roma Maxwell, director of public relations for Rancho La Puerta in Tecate, Mexico. MARIA RICAPITO (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF WOMEN'S HEALTH MAGAZINE © RODALE INC.)



CUT-RATE RELAXATION

■ Maybe your tax refund won't fund a summer jaunt to Canyon Ranch — and even if it could, it might create even more stress to blow so much cash on relaxation. After all that W-2 worrying, what you need is a bargain beauty treatment. Just in time, Spa Week (spaweek.org) returns to D.C. April 16 through 22 with an ever-increasing list of spots to score \$50 massages. facials and pedicures (there are also waxings and such, but those don't really qualify as anxiety reducers). Call quickly to snag reservations, unless you're looking for extra headaches. And then feel free to brag to your accountant. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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